

Council Members Present

Joe Ayala Lynn Boshart Robb Bourland
Gem Montes Bedalia Valeds-Bovin

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Boshart moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Council Member Ayala seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Staff Reports

Field Representative – Lisha Smith

Special Districts has mailed out the ballots for the median initiative. Residents who have not received a ballot can contact the Supervisor's office at 387-4565. In order for the special assessment to pass the county requires a vote of 50% plus one of the total ballots received. The due date for the ballots is July 21st.

San Bernardino County Fire Department – Fire Marshall Peter Brierty

The County of San Bernardino does not allow the sale or use of fireworks within the unincorporated communities. There are two general types of fireworks: (1) safe and sane fireworks and (2) dangerous fireworks. Safe and sane fireworks are commonly sold at booths in designated cities. Dangerous fireworks discharge in the air and are not legal in the state of California. While some cities do allow the use of safe and sane fireworks the county does not allow the use of any type of fireworks. The Board of Supervisors has increased the fines and penalties and has instructed the Fire Dept. to cite residents using fireworks in the unincorporated areas. Residents are encouraged to report the illegal use of fireworks in the unincorporated area by calling County Fire at (909) 356-3805. Informational flyers and lawn signs are also available.

Sheriff's Department – Detective Harry Hatch

Det. Hatch presented the crime statistics for the previous month

2 residential burglaries
1 spousal abuse misdemeanor
1 grand theft
4 grand theft autos

All of the county unincorporated areas in the North Rialto district are served by the Fontana Sheriff's Station. Traffic violations and accidents are the jurisdiction of the California Highway Patrol. The Board of Supervisors has approved six new officers for the Fontana Station.

Residents can report graffiti to County Code Enforcement at (909) 387-4044.

Special Presentation

None

OLD BUSINESS

Non-Action Items:

Riverside Avenue Median

The MAC compiled a list of recommendations for landscaping the median:

1. There should be no gaps in the median
2. Utilization of Rocks & Boulders to “flow” with the landscape
3. Utilization of “mowable” grass
4. Increase the number of trees (more than in the previous proposals)
5. Trees should be a mixture of deciduous and evergreen
6. All entrances should be addressed (noted as entrances)
7. Small shrubs and bushes should be planted sporadically
8. “Disguise & beautify” for all the poles, outlets etc.
9. Try to use continuity with the new plans for the golf course

IF POSSIBLE, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Utilize lighting where appropriate, especially around each entrance into the area to beautify
2. Where the olive trees are on Country Club Drive:
 - a. Remove the two trees on each end (near the entrance and near the golf course)
 - b. Replace with deciduous trees, grass, flowers, rocks etc.

The MAC encouraged residents to speak to their neighbors in support of the special district. The ballots have been mailed and the deadline for return is July 21st, 2006.

Subcommittee Reports

Code Enforcement – County Code Enforcement is sponsoring a community cleanup in Colton on Saturday, August 5, 2006. Location TBD. County residents are encouraged to bring their non-hazardous trash and debris. For more information contact code enforcement at (909) 387-4044.

Action Items:

Council Member Boshart moved to approved the MAC’s recommendations for landscaping the median to Supervisor Gonzales’ office. Council Member Valeds-Bovin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Non-Action Items:

None

Action Items:

None

Public Comment:

Tony Weatherspoon

Mr. Weatherspoon was concerned with cars speeding along Sycamore Ave. The excessive speeding makes the street very dangerous for neighborhood children.

Member Reports:

Joe Ayala

No report

Lynn Boshart

No report

Robb Bourland

No report

Bill Hughes

No report

Lacy Kendall

No report

Gem Montes

No report

Bedalia Valeds-Bovin

No report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for July 11, 2006.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – El Rancho Verde MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565